

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed June 2, 2005, claims 1-5, 11-19, 22, 27-38, 42, 47-49, 54-60, 62 and 65 were rejected 35 USC §102 as anticipated by Pasternak (USP 5936949). These claims are canceled herein without prejudice and subject to reinstatement in a continuation application.

Claims 6-10, 20, 21, 23-26, 39-41, 43-46, 50-53, 61, 53, and 64 were objected to as depending from a rejected base claim but as otherwise allowable. These claims have been rewritten in independent form and Applicant respectfully petitions for allowance of the claims.

The amendments set forth herein are provided solely to clarify the invention as filed and set forth in the pending claims in order to comply with applicable statutes and regulations. The amendments are not intended to limit the invention or preclude the application of equivalents which Applicant may be entitled to under law.

The Examiner requested a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome any prospective obviousness-type double patenting with respect to co-pending Application No. 10/023972. Applicant provides such Terminal Disclaimer attached hereto.

Conclusion

Applicant has amended the claims to further clarify features that are not taught or suggested by the references. For these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections of the claims.

If any matters can be resolved by telephone, Applicant requests that the Patent and Trademark Office call the Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

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